

# Special Program for Cuban Migration (bombo)

**I was unable to travel to the United States during the validity of my travel documents. Can I get an extension?**

No. Parole applicants who are unable to travel to the United States during the validity of their travel documents for reasons beyond their control should ask a family member or associate in the United States to contact our Visa Information and Appointment Scheduling Service at 1-866-374-1769 to schedule an interview appointment to be considered for a parole renewal. The applicant should take this step only when s/he is ready to travel to the United States.

**What documentation do I need to bring to be considered for a parole renewal?**

Parole applicants are required to bring (1) recent passport style photograph, current medical examination results and current police records (for applicants 16 years of age or older), valid passport, and the travel packet issued to the applicant by the U.S. Interests Section. In addition, parole applicants will need to demonstrate that they were unable to travel during the validity of their travel documents for reasons beyond their control.

**Will a renewal be automatic?**

No. All requests for parole renewals must be evaluated by the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) in Havana and are subject to additional administrative processing.

**The required documentation for my interview appointment will expire in a few months. Can I get an appointment?**

Since February 2007, the Interests Section has been unable to accept new appointments for individuals requesting an interview appointment under the Special Program for Cuban Migration due to the resource constraints under which the Interests Section is forced to operate.

*The U.S. Interests Section is not currently accepting appointment requests for parole under the Special Program for Cuban Migration, otherwise known as the bombo. Any change in the availability of appointments for bombo applicants will be announced on the Interests Section's website.*

**How long will my medical and police records remain valid?**

Medical and police records are valid for a year from the date of issuance.

**Can my grandparents and nieces be included in my Cuban Lottery application?**

No. Only the applicant's spouse and single children less than 21 years old can be included in one entry.

**Can I request parole for other family members at the time of my interview?**

No. The Special Program for Cuban Migration does not permit applicants to request parole for other family members.